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BRANDON, VT. CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.
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FRANKLIN TUXBURY, Pastor.

Installed May 25th, 1865.

E. D. SELDEN, Deacon and Clerk.

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THE Members of other Churches, and non-professing Christians, who worship regularly with this Church, are earnestly besought to join it without delay.

RULES OF ADMISSION.

Application should be made to the Pastor.

All applicants will be examined in such manner as the Standing Committee shall approve.

The names of those recommended by the Committee, shall be presented to the Church on the Thursday evening of the week preceding the week in which the Preparatory Lecture is delivered, and, if approved by the Church, to the Congregation on the Sabbath morning following.

Those thus propounded will be admitted on the Sabbath following, but ONLY if they shall have signed the Covenant of the Church, and in the case of those not received by letter, ONLY on a public confession of Christ.

The Covenant must be signed by *all* admitted, at the Preparatory Lecture, or before the following Sabbath, and is as follows:

Covenant of the Congregational Church of Brandon, Vt.

We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, do solemnly promise, that, as members of this Church of Christ, we will faithfully endeavor to honor it in our conduct and life; to give diligent attendance upon its services and ordinances; to refrain from opposing its faith; to submit to its rules and discipline; to labor and pray for its increase, purity and peace; and to walk with its members in love,—seeking and improving opportunities to minister to them.

Confession of Christ must be made on the Communion Sabbath following their admission by vote, by all admitted, otherwise than by letter, and is to be made in the following manner:

(The candidates shall present themselves in the aisle before the Pulpit, without waiting to be called for, while the minister is reading the following invitation:)

Jesus Saith:

Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest; take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls; for My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.

And the Spirit and the Bride say, Come; and let him that heareth say, Come; and let him that is athirst come; and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

(Then the minister shall address the candidates as follows:)

Dearly Beloved,

You are here before God and many witnesses to confess the Lord Jesus Christ. We trust that you appreciate the solemnity and the blessedness of this confession, and that He which hath begun a good work in you, will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Recognizing the HOLY SCRIPTURES as the SUPREME RULE of faith and practice,

We BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, the Being of absolute perfection, the Creator, Preserver, and Governor of the universe; Who so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son for its redemption:

And in Jesus Christ, His Son, our Lord; Who became man and suffered to take away the sin of the world; in Whom alone we have redemption, being justified freely, through faith in his blood:

And in the Holy Ghost, the Comforter; through Whom alone, we, being by nature children of wrath, are renewed and sanctified; by Whose inspiration the Scriptures are given:

And we look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the Life immortal.

Thus you truly confess and heartily believe?

(The candidates shall assent by bowing.)

In the presence of God and this assembly, you do now freely and cordially enter into the everlasting covenant of grace.

You do confess the Father Almighty, your Maker and Preserver, the Lord Jesus Christ, your Savior and Master, and the Holy Spirit, your Sanctifier and Guide, to be your God. You do trust only in His sovereign grace and almighty power.

And you do promise that you will henceforth faithfully endeavor to keep His commandments, and follow Him in all things ; to walk with His disciples in love ; and, denying all ungodliness and worldly lusts, to live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world, looking for that blessed hope, the glorious appearing of the great God, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

This you truly confess and heartily engage ?

(The candidates shall assent as before.)

Baptism

Shall here be administered to those candidates who have never been baptized, each kneeling in turn before the minister.

Then the minister shall continue as follows:

We, then, as members of this Church,

(Here the members of the Church shall rise.)

affectionately welcome you, in the name of Christ, to His discipleship; to a part with us in the blessings and promises of His covenant; to a share in the duties, privileges, and glories of His Church; and to the fellowship of that great multitude which no man can number, who have confessed Him on earth, and who follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth.

In token of our confidence and sympathy, and as a pledge of our brotherly-kindness and love, take the hand of welcome, and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said:

(Here the minister shall take each new member by the hand in turn, repeating to each some appropriate saying of Christ.)

Then, the Church still standing, the minister shall continue, as follows:

And now, beloved in the Lord, whereas in former time "ye were without Christ, being *aliens* from the commonwealth of Israel, and *strangers* from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world;" "now, therefore, ye are no more *strangers*

and foreigners, but *fellow-citizens* with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief Corner-stone."

"For this cause

(Here all take the customary attitude of prayer)

we bow our knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of Whom the whole family in Heaven and earth is named; that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend, with all saints, what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height, and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowlege; that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Now, unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

RULES OF DISMISSION.

Every member of this Church, removing from it and worshipping with another Church, is required to take a letter of dismission and recommendation to that Church, *within one year* from such removal, or to give a satisfactory explanation to the Standing Committee. And *no member of this Church can rightfully join any other Church, without first asking and receiving such a letter.*

This Church will grant a letter of dismission and recommendation to any member in regular standing, who applies for it properly; but

No letter will be granted except to some specified Evangelical Church; and

Every letter will be considered null and void after one year from its date, unless within that time it has been properly used.

ADDITIONAL RULES.

1. The Lord's Supper shall be administered in this Church the first Sabbath in every other month, beginning with January.

2. All members of this Church are expected to abstain from manufacturing, vending, and using ardent spirits, except for medicinal, chemical and mechanical purposes.

3. The members of this Church shall contribute their due proportion for the support of the Gospel.

4. In cases of alledged public offenses, the Standing Committee may designate individual members to converse with and endeavor to reclaim the offenders, in the spirit of our Savior's rule in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, and if need be, to bring a complaint before the Church.

5. No one shall be permitted to act as counsel for persons on trial before the Church, except some member of this, or a sister Church, or some minister of the Gospel, in either case to be approved by the Church.

6. A conviction shall be followed by a first and second letter of admonition, previous to exclusion. The admonitions shall be communicated to the offender by the Pastor, in the name of the Church.

7. If any member shall feel himself aggrieved by a decision, or sentence of the Church, it shall be the duty of the Church, at his request, to unite with him, in obtaining the advice of sister Churches in council.

8. At the close of the preparatory lecture preceding the Communion in July, the Church shall hold its annual meeting, at which these standing rules shall be read, and two members shall be chosen, who, with the Pastor and Deacons, shall constitute the Standing Committee.

9. Every violation of these rules will be held a breach of covenant.

10. These rules shall not be altered except after notice given from the pulpit on the Sabbath.

LIST OF MEMBERS

OF THE

Congregational Church, Brandon, Vt.,

NOVEMBER 25th, 1869.

a signifies absent or non-resident.

The year of admission precedes each name.

1854. Adelaide V. Abbott, *a*
1840. Abigail Alden,
1865. John Avery, *a*
1855. Emable Bacon, *a*
1855. Louis Bacon,
1855. Margaret Bacon,
1866. Sarah Caroline Bailey,
1866. Susan L. Bailey,
1852. Horace A. Barnes,
1867. Cornelia J. Barnes,
1853. Clarisa H. Barnes, *a*
1836. Jesse Batchelder,
1833. Sarah Batchelder,
1833. William A. Bates, *a*
1837. Abigail Carver Bates, *a*
1836. Dennison Blackmer,
1845. Sabra K. Blackmer,
1836. Hiram Blackmer,
1836. Muriet Blackmer,
1867. Edgar J. Bliss,
1867. Emma A. Bliss,
1840. Horace J. Bond,
1839. Phebe D. Bond,
1858. Hartwell Bond, *a*
1847. Phylura Bond, *a*
1854. Julia Emma Bond,
1869. Clara Ella Bond,
1832. Sarah L. Bowen,
1867. Ella Harris Bowen, *a*
1869. Cora Anna Bowen,
1867. Ransford Avery Brown,
1867. Angeline Brown,
1833. Asa Burnell,
1833. Abigail Burnell,
1858. Joseph Bush, *a*
1858. Angeline P. Bush, *a*

1831. Phebe F. Button,
1836. John Cahee,
1826. Ann S. Cahee,
1839. Hezekiah Campbell,
1859. Miranda Campbell,
1854. Ella F. Campbell, "
1839. John Carey,
1866. Horace P. Carnes,
1866. Rhoda H. Carnes,
1836. Lucy Carr,
1831. Ephraim Cheney, "
1817. Huldah Cheney, "
1817. Deborah Cheney,
1839. Hale Cheney,
1832. Lois Churchill,
1839. Simeon L. Churchill,
1869. Joseph S. Cilley,
1830. Elizabeth T. Conant,
1869. Ithamar W. Copeland,
1869. Harriet Pierce Cowie,
1860. Mary Culbert,
1866. Henrietta Culbert,
1868. Clara Adelia Currier,
1817. Eliza Ann Dana,
1839. Hubbard Daniels,
1839. Nancy Atwell Daniels,
1869. Cornelia L. Davison,
1854. Julia Deland,
1857. Polly Dodge,
1857. Helen A. Dodge,
1836. Candace Dow,
1859. Harriet N. Dutton,
1845. Horace Ellis,
1867. William Wallace Ellis,
1858. John Forbes Estabrook,
1858. E. Amelia Estabrook,
1866. Esther A. Estabrook,
1864. Jenny Morrill Evans, "
1866. Louisa J. Fales,
1869. Luke B. Fairbanks, "
1869. Lydia W. Field,
1850. Adelaide H. Flint,
1867. Francis Wallace Flint,
1868. Carolenia A. Flint,
1839. Freeman R. Forbes,
1838. Mary A. Forbes,
1853. Almira Frenier,
1831. Olivia Gill,
1869. Willis J. Goodnough,
1839. Rachel W. Goodrich,
1861. Ezra Goodroad, "
1861. Antoinette Goodroad, "
1858. Alba Warren Goss,
1845. Jerusha Eva Goss,
1869. Arabella L. Griswold,
1857. Maletta L. Hack,
1850. Lois Hart,
1866. Juliet E. Hawkins,
1857. Francis Hebert, "
1869. Carrie E. Hemenway,
1836. Hepsa Hinds,
1858. John Howe,
1851. Emma Howe,
1853. Abigail Hudson,
1851. Nancy L. Hulbert, "
1836. Merinda Hull,
1869. Jared Porter Ives,
1857. Lavette L. Ives,
1839. Benj. W. Johnson,
1839. Mary W. Johnson,
1822. Rozina June,
1836. David M. June,

1822. Sophia June,
1850. Sarah L. June,
1857. Milton P. June,
1858. Anne F. June,
1868. Darwin W. Kidder,
1868. Helen A. Kidder,
1854. Adelaide H. Kingsley,
1839. Adeline J. Knapp,
1869. Adeline Knapp,
1868. Emma A. Knowlton,
1853. Acsah Landon,
1866. Charles H. Lewis,
1853. Maria M. L'heureux,
1866. William L. L'heureux,
1867. Charles M. L'heureux,
1861. John B. L'heureux,
1861. Margaret L'heureux,
1857. Britania Locke, *a*
1848. Henry Lord,
1848. Ann Emaline Lord,
1839. Alanson Meacham,
1869. Darwin J. Mercur,
1857. Gilbert Metcalf, *a*
1857. Almira Metcalf, *a*
1836. Orin T. Morgan,
1869. Henrietta L. Morgan,
1854. Wesley Morrill,
1854. Helen M. Morrill,
1866. Frances M. Nearing,
1859. Margaret Neven, *a*
1833. Lovina P. Noyes,
1869. David T. Packard,
1867. Emily H. Packard,
1868. Charles Page,
1868. Frank W. Page,
1862. Eliza A. Patch,
1850. Oren Parker,
1850. Sarah M. Parker,
1839. Sarah A. Parker, *a*
1867. Charlotte B. Parmenter,
1860. Almira B. Perkins,
1859. Eliza Pierce,
1866. Emma A. Pierce,
1866. Martha M. Pitts,
1863. Virginia A. Prime,
1864. William W. Reynolds,
1864. Lucy K. Reynolds,
1866. Mary A. Reynolds,
1866. Ella E. Reynolds,
1836. Maria Rice,
1869. Allie Wilson Rich, *a*
1863. Lucia M. Roberts,
1836. Maria L. Ross,
1866. Mary L. Ross,
1867. Mary L. (Vail) Ross,
1836. Josiah Rosseter,
1836. Electa Rosseter,
1860. Rhoda Rust,
1865. William H. Sanderson,
1859. Eliza J. Sanderson,
1849. Edward D. Selden,
1869. Edward D. Selden, Jr.
1869. Levi S. Sewall,
1869. Jane Roselle Sewall,
1836. Erastus Skeeles,
1866. Mary Smith,
1866. Alma E. Smith,
1869. Mary Jane Smith,
1817. Samuel B. Spaulding,
1836. Lucy Spaulding,
1853. Thomas H. Spencer,
1853. Eliza Spencer,

1836. Adeline Stickney,
1857. Sarah Tatro,
1869. Lizzie Tatro,
1831. Elizabeth Tracy,
1866. John H. Vail,
1866. Semantha Vail,
1869. Ada A. Wheeler,
1866. William Wicker,
1866. Hiram Wicker,
1869. Leonard G. Wilder,
1839. Caroline J. Wing,
1817. Sally Winslow,
1818. Chester Winslow,
1843. Anna G. Winslow,
1856. Charles M. Winslow,
1869. Harriet E. Wood,
1839. John Worcester,
1826. Lucinda Worcester,
1816. Prudence F. Worcester,
1840. Amanda D. Wright,
1869. William Henry Wright,
1857. Joshua Young,
1866. Elona Stuart Young.

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PASTOR.

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1869. Cornelia L. Davison,
1854. Julia D'Land,
1857. Polly Dodge,
1836. Candace Dow,
1870. Marietta Dow,
1870. Alanson Draper,
1870. Aurelia C. Draper,
1869. Mary Smith Draper,
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1859. Eliza Pierce,
1866. Martha M. Pitts,
1863. Virginia H. Prime,
1864. William W. Reynolds,
1864. Lucy K. Reynolds,
1866. Ella E. Reynolds,
1872. Margaret F. Richards,
1836. Maria Rice,
1869. Allie Wilson Rich, *a*
1863. Lucia M. Roberts,
1836. Maria L. Ross,
1866. Mary L. Ross,
1867. Mary Vail Ross,
1836. Josiah Rosseter,
1836. Electa Rosseter,
1860. Rhoda Rust,
1865. William H. Sanderson,
1859. Lizzie Sanderson,
1857. Helen A. Segar,
1849. Edward D. Selden,
1869. Edward D. Selden, Jr.,
1869. Levi S. Sewall,
1869. Jane Roselle Sewall,
1836. Erastus Skeeles,
1865. Alma E. Smith,
1817. Samuel B. Spaulding,
1836. Lucy Spaulding,
1853. Thomas H. Spencer,
1853. Eliza Spencer,
1836. Adeline Stickney,
1857. Sarah Tatro, *a*
1869. Lizzie Tatro,
1831. Elizabeth Tracy,
1866. John H. Vail,
1866. Semantha Vail,
1872. Jerusha E. E. Warner,
1872. Katie T. Warner,
1869. Ada A. Wheeler, *a*
1866. Hiram Wicker,
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1839. Caroline J. Wing,
1817. Sally Winslow,
1843. Anna G. Winslow,
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1871. Mary E. Winslow,
1866. Mary Smith Wilmarth, *a*
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